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Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

## PETITION FOR A THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Honorable Commissioner:

The applicants petition for a three month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action mailed June 27, 2002. With this three month extension of time, the applicants' response is due on or before December 27, 2002. The requisite fee for a small entity accompanies this petition. The Commissioner is authorized to debit any fee underpayment or credit any fee overpayment associated with this application to Deposit Account 13-2490.

Date: December 24, 2002

Respectfully submitted,

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